

Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

Claim Status

Claims 1-20 were previously pending. Claims 3-8, which are withdrawn from consideration as a result of the election of claims 1, 2 and 9-20, are canceled, without prejudice. In addition, claims 14-18 are canceled, and claims 19 and 20 are amended. Accordingly, after entry of this amendment, claims 1, 2, 9-13, 19 and 20 are pending.

Specification

The title is objected to as not descriptive. In response, the title is amended to "Semiconductor Device with Gate Dielectric Film having an Oxide Film and an Oxynitride Film"

Allowable Subject Matter

The allowance of claims 1, 2 and 9-13 is noted and appreciated. Claims 19 and 20 are indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 19 and 20 are rewritten to include all limitations of base claim 14 from which they each directly depend. Accordingly, applicant submits that claims 19 and 20 are now in allowable form.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 103

Claims 14-18 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over Bensahel et al. (US 6,372,581). In response, claims 14-18 are canceled.

Conclusion

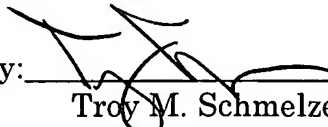
This application is now in condition for allowance. The examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to resolve any issues that remain after entry of this amendment. Any fees due with this response may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

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